



Madeleine Albright, 1st female U.S. secretary of state, dies

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Madeleine Albright, a child refugee from Nazi- and then Soviet-dominated eastern Europe who rose to become the 1st female U.S. secretary of state and a mentor to many current and former American statesmen and women, has died of cancer, her family said Wednesday. She was 84. A lifelong Democrat who nonetheless worked to bring Republicans into her orbit, Albright was chosen in 1996 by President Bill Clinton to be America's top diplomat, elevating her from her post as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, where she had been only the second woman to hold that job.

As secretary of state, Al-

bright was the highest-ranking woman in the history of U.S. government. She was not in the line of succession to the presidency, however, because she was a native of Prague. The glass ceiling that she broke was universally admired, even by her political detractors. In announcing her death on Twitter, Albright's family said she died of cancer and was surrounded by family and friends: "We have lost a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend," the statement said. Clinton called her "one of the finest Secretaries of State, an outstanding U.N. Ambassador, a brilliant professor, and an extraordinary human being."

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Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright speaks during the second day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, July 26, 2016.

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"Because she knew firsthand that America's policy decisions had the power to make a difference in people's lives around the world, she saw her jobs as both an obligation and an opportunity," Clinton wrote. "And through it all, even until our last conversation just two weeks ago, she never lost her great sense of humor or her determination to go out with her boots on, supporting Ukraine in its fight to preserve freedom and democracy."

"Laura and I are heartbroken by the news of Madeleine Albright's death," said former President George W. Bush. "She lived out the American dream and helped others realize it. ... She served with distinction as a foreign-born foreign minister who understood firsthand the importance of free societies for peace in our world." President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken had been informed of Albright's death as they were flying to Brussels for an emergency meeting of NATO leaders about Ukraine. Linda Thomas-Greenfield, U.S. envoy to the United Nations, honored Albright as a "trailblazer and a luminary" in remarks on the General Assembly floor shortly after news of her death emerged.

"The impact that she has had on this building is felt every single day and just about every single corridor," said State Department spokesman Ned Price, who once co-taught a class with Albright at his alma mater, Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, where Albright was a professor for decades before and after her time in government.

"She was a trailblazer as the first female Secretary of State and quite literally opened doors for a large elements of our of our workforce," he said.

In 2012, President Barack Obama awarded Albright the Medal of Freedom,



U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, center, gets briefing on the situation around the border between two Koreas from American Sgt. Tim Ingoldsby, left, during her visit to guard post Ouellette in the border village of the Panmunjom, north of Seoul, Feb. 22, 1997. Standing at right is U.S. Gen. Richard B. Myers.

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the nation's highest civilian honor, saying her life was an inspiration to all Americans.

Albright remained outspoken through the years. After leaving office, she criticized President George W. Bush for using "the shock of force" rather than alliances to foster diplomacy and said Bush had driven away moderate Arab leaders and created potential for a dangerous rift with European allies.

However, as a refugee from Czechoslovakia who saw the horrors of both Nazi Germany and the Iron Curtain, she was not a dove and played a leading role in pressing for the Clinton administration to get militarily involved in the conflict in Kosovo.

She also toed a hard line on Cuba, famously saying at the United Nations that the Cuban shootdown of a civilian plane was not "co-jones" but rather "cowardice."

She advised women "to act in a more confident manner" and "to ask questions when they occur and don't wait to ask."

"It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent," she told HuffPost Living in 2010. When the Senate For-

eign Relations Committee asked her in January 2007 whether she approved of Bush's proposed "surge" in U.S. troops in bloodied Iraq, she responded: "I think we need a surge in diplomacy. We are viewed in the Middle East as a colonial power and our motives are suspect."

Albright was an internationalist whose point of view was shaped in part by her background. Her family fled Czechoslovakia in 1939 as the Nazis took over their country, and she spent the war years in London. After the war, as the Soviet Union took over vast chunks of eastern Europe, her father, a Czech diplomat, brought his family to the U.S.

As secretary of state, Albright played a key role in persuading Clinton to go to war against the Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic over his treatment of Kosovar Albanians in 1999. In her U.N. post, she advocated a tough U.S. foreign policy, particularly in the case of Milosevic's treatment of Bosnia and NATO's intervention in Kosovo was eventually dubbed "Madeleine's War."

"My mindset is Munich," she said frequently, referring to the German city where the Western allies abandoned her homeland to the Nazis.

Albright helped win Senate ratification of NATO's expansion and a treaty imposing international restrictions on chemical weapons. She led a successful fight to keep Egyptian diplomat Boutros Boutros-Ghali from a second term as secretary-general of the United Nations. He accused her of deception and posing as a friend.

And she once exclaimed to Colin Powell, then the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, who would later succeed her as secretary of state: "What's the point of having this superb military you're always talking about if we can't use it?" Powell, who died last year, recalled in a memoir that Albright's comments almost made him have an "aneurysm."

"I am an eternal optimist," Albright said in 1998, amid an effort as secretary of state to promote peace in the Middle East. But she said getting Israel to pull back on the West Bank and the Palestinians to rout terrorists posed serious problems.

As America's top diplomat, Albright made limited progress at first in trying to expand the 1993 Oslo Accords that established the principle of self-rule for the Palestinians on the West

Bank and in Gaza. But in 1998, she played a leading role in formulating the Wye Accords that turned over control of about 40% of the West Bank to the Palestinians.

She also spearheaded an ill-fated effort to negotiate a 2000 peace deal between Israel and Syria under Syria's late President Hafez al-Assad. And, she helped guide U.S. foreign policy during conflicts in the Balkans and the Hutu-Tutsi genocide in Rwanda. As an outspoken Democrat in private life, Albright often joked that she had her "political instincts surgically removed" when she became secretary of state. True to that, she formed an unlikely friendship with arch-conservative North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms to increase funding for the State Department and U.S. diplomacy and oversaw a radical change in Washington's handling of Cold War-era messaging.

Born Marie Jana Korbel in Prague on May 15, 1937, she was the daughter of a diplomat, Joseph Korbel. The family was Jewish and converted to Roman Catholicism when she was 5. Three of her Jewish grandparents died in concentration camps.

Albright later said that she became aware of her Jewish background after she became secretary of state. The family returned to Czechoslovakia after World War II but fled again, this time to the United States, in 1948, after the Communists rose to power.

They settled in Denver, where her father obtained a job at the University of Denver. One of Josef Korbel's best students, a young woman named Condoleezza Rice, would later succeed his daughter as secretary of state, the first Black woman to hold that office.

Among current officials who worked closely with Albright are Biden's domestic policy adviser and former U.N. ambassador Susan Rice, as well as Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman and a host of others. □

IRS unit gets no funds to enforce sanctions on rich Russians

By **FATIMA HUSSEIN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — For all of the talk about slapping sanctions on Russian oligarchs, there was a notable omission in the Ukraine aid package approved this month by Congress: An infusion of money for the IRS criminal investigation arm tasked with tracking down the pricey properties of the Russian elite didn't make the cut.

The White House request to give the IRS \$30 million for tracing financial activities associated with sanctioned people appeared to run afoul of broader reluctance by Republicans to put more money into IRS enforcement actions. Republicans close to the spending bill negotiations said the mission of the IRS should be to administer and enforce the U.S. tax code, not to enforce sanctions.

While the money for Ukraine in the spending bill includes \$25 million for the Treasury Department's terrorism and financial intelligence unit, \$17 million for its departmental offices and \$19 million for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, the only Treasury agency that did not receive its request was IRS Criminal Investigation.

Many of the sanctions levied on Russia's elite and its



A woman poses for a photo during sunset over the Kremlin at Zaryadye Park near Red Square in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

Central Bank are imposed by the Treasury Department and its various enforcement arms, including those at the IRS.

Along with the newly formed KleptoCapture group led by the Justice Department, the IRS plays a major part in imposing sanctions on oligarchs and supporters of Vladimir Putin. A lack of funding for the IRS criminal investigations unit "damages the ability of our law enforcement community to do its work" said Danny Glaser, a former Treasury assistant secretary for terrorist financing and fi-

nanacial crimes.

"The IRS criminal investigators are some of the best financial investigators in the world. It's important they are at full strength."

In its funding request to Congress, the White House said the \$30 million would expand IRS Criminal Investigation's capability to find links between various businesses, conduct digital asset tracing, and identify the ownership of assets owned by oligarchs and others linked to Putin.

That money would have included purchasing more than 50 licenses to data-

bases that can access global public records, a Treasury official told The Associated Press, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal matters. Currently, only five people have that capability.

The workforce of the investigations unit has shrunk by 25% over the course of the last decade, according to Treasury. The unit "is in desperate need of stable, long-term funding to develop a deeper understanding of the global financial landscape and trace and seize assets that today are in the hands of criminals,"

Treasury said in a statement last week.

Chye-Ching Huang, executive director of the Tax Law Center at NYU Law, said the funding woes for the IRS investigations unit are part of a larger issue with the federal government relying on the IRS to step in during national and international emergencies.

"We saw that during the pandemic, when the administrative apparatus was used to get billions of dollars of aid to people and businesses in a short amount of time, and we're seeing it during a foreign policy emergency," she said.

Biden signed the giant spending bill into law earlier this month to fund the government through September. Included in the funding is \$5.4 billion dedicated to IRS enforcement outside of criminal investigations, an increase of \$225 million above fiscal 2021.

Jorge Castro, who served as counselor to the IRS commissioner during the Obama administration, said he was hopeful the agency will get more money, as the war in Ukraine shows no signs of ending.

"I suspect we're not done with additional sanctions-related bills and I'm assuming the Biden administration would like to make this a feature of its next request," he said. □

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U.S. finds Russian troops have committed war crimes in Ukraine

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration on Wednesday made a formal determination that Russian troops have committed war crimes in Ukraine and said it would work with others to prosecute offenders, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said.

"Today, I can announce that, based on information currently available, the U.S. government assesses that members of Russia's forces have committed war crimes in Ukraine," Blinken said in a statement re-

leased as he was traveling to Brussels with President Joe Biden for an emergency summit of NATO leaders. The assessment was based on a "careful review" of public and intelligence sources since Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine last month, he said. America's top diplomat said the United States would share that information with allies, partners and international institutions tasked with investigating allegations of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

"We've seen numerous

credible reports of indiscriminate attacks and attacks deliberately targeting civilians, as well as other atrocities. Russia's forces have destroyed apartment buildings, schools, hospitals, critical infrastructure, civilian vehicles, shopping centers, and ambulances, leaving thousands of innocent civilians killed or wounded," Blinken said.

Neither Russia nor the U.S. recognizes the authority of the International Criminal Court at The Hague, presenting obvious difficulties for seeking accountability



Secretary of State Antony Blinken speaks during a news conference Thursday, March 17, 2022, at the State Department in Washington.

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for war crimes committed in Ukraine.

The U.S. could still assist a prosecution before the court, which earlier opened an investigation into atrocities committed in Ukraine,

by helping to gather evidence against Russian forces in Ukraine, using some of the vast abilities it has deployed to track and monitor what has been happening in the conflict. □

Cal State college system drops SAT/ACT admission requirement

By JOCELYN GECKER

Associated Press

In a move that squarely places California's public universities at the forefront of the national trend to drop standardized tests, the Cal State university system will eliminate SAT and ACT exams from admission requirements, officials decided Wednesday.

The California State University's Board of Trustees unanimously approved the change, aligning the country's largest four-year university system with the "test free" admissions process already adopted by the University of California college system.

The California State University system has 477,000 students at its 23 colleges around the state, while the University of California's 10 colleges enroll over 280,000 students.

The University of California Board of Regents voted last year to eliminate the standardized test admissions requirement at its undergraduate schools, which include the prestigious campuses of UC Berkeley and UCLA.

Acting Cal State system Chancellor Steve Relyea praised the decision, saying it will help "level the playing field and provide



Students walk past the Harriet and Charles Luckman Fine Arts Complex at the Cal State University, Los Angeles campus on April 25, 2019.

Associated Press

greater access to a high quality college degree for students from all backgrounds."

Critics have long argued that standardized tests put minority and low-income college applicants at a disadvantage and pose a barrier to their admission. They have noted that wealthier students or their parents have the money to pay for expensive standardized test preparation courses that help boost their scores.

"In essence, we are eliminating our reliance on a high-stress, high-stakes test that has shown negligible benefit," Relyea said in a statement.

California's public universities, like many across the country, suspended the exams during the pandemic and did not require them during the admissions process for college entry during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years.

Amid the pandemic, more than 1,800 colleges and

universities, or nearly 80% of U.S. four-year campuses, adopted either test-optional or score-free policies for fall 2022 applicants, said Bob Schaeffer, executive director of FairTest, a Boston-based anti-testing group.

The decision by the Cal State and the University of California college systems to make that ban permanent will "set a standard for public higher education around the nation," Schaeffer said.

"It is not an accident that so many other public systems, literally from Washington state to Maine, now have similar policies. The whole country is watching California, and largely following the state's lead," he said.

Students can still choose to submit SAT or ACT scores that will not be considered for admissions purposes but could help in their placement for English and math courses, said Cal State system spokeswoman Toni Molle.

The system had suspended the standardized test requirement during the pandemic, instead basing admission on what it called a "multi factor admissions score" that allowed campuses to consider high school grade point averages, extra curricular activities and leadership roles as well as whether applicants were first-generation college student or came from schools with a high percentages of low-income students.

A systemwide advisory council made up of faculty, students and administrators and student leaders was put in charge of studying whether to drop the tests and recommended the change to the Cal State college system's board. □



In this April 17, 2017, file photo, "Infowars" host Alex Jones arrives at the Travis County Courthouse in Austin, Texas.

Associated Press

By DAVE COLLINS

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Infowars host Alex Jones failed to show up and testify under oath at a deposition Wednesday in a lawsuit filed by relatives of victims of the Sandy Hook

Elementary School shooting, leading the families' lawyer to call for Jones' arrest if he doesn't appear again Thursday.

Jones, whose attorney said he missed the deposition because of an appointment for undisclosed medi-

Newtown families: Alex Jones fails to show up for deposition

cal conditions, was scheduled to testify Wednesday and Thursday in Austin, Texas, where Infowars is based, in connection with the relatives' defamation lawsuit against him for calling the 2012 school massacre a hoax.

Bellis on Wednesday ordered Jones to appear at the deposition Thursday and asked lawyers to submit briefs on whether she can issue an arrest order to have Jones brought to the proceeding if he fails to attend again. If Bellis doesn't issue such an order, Mattei said he would seek a subpoena in Texas. Bellis also said Jones needs to submit medical documentation if

he can't attend Thursday, Mattei said.

"This, in our view, was a cowardly display intended to cheat the plaintiffs of their right to put him under oath," Mattei said at a news conference, "and ask him questions about why over the course of many years he lied about them, he lied about the loved ones that they lost at Sandy Hook and why he unleashed a barrage of harassment over many years that continues to this day." Asked whether Jones would appear at the deposition Thursday, his lawyer, Norman Pattis, said in an email to The Associated Press that "his doctors will

make that call."

In a court filing later Wednesday, Pattis wrote Jones' doctor was "so alarmed" by his observations of Jones on Monday that he advised him to go to an emergency room or call 911. Jones refused and his doctor advised him to stay home, Pattis said.

On Tuesday, however, Jones broadcasted his daily website show at the Infowars studio in Austin, his lawyers said. He did not appear in person on the show Wednesday, but talked over the phone for portions of the program. He did not discuss the deposition or his medical conditions at the beginning of the show. □

NATO: 7,000 to 15,000 Russian troops dead in Ukraine

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Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — NATO estimated on Wednesday that 7,000 to 15,000 Russian soldiers have been killed in four weeks of war in Ukraine, where fierce fighting by the country's fast-moving defenders has denied Moscow the lightning victory it sought.

By way of comparison, Russia lost about 15,000 troops in Afghanistan over 10 years.

A senior NATO military official said the alliance's estimate was based on information from Ukrainian officials, what Russia has released — intentionally or not — and intelligence gathered from open sources. The official spoke on condition of anonymity under ground rules set by NATO.

When Russia unleashed its invasion Feb. 24 in Europe's biggest offensive since World War II, a swift toppling of Ukraine's government seemed likely. But with Wednesday marking four full weeks of fighting, Moscow is bogged down in a grinding military campaign.

With its ground forces slowed or stopped by hit-and-run Ukrainian units armed with Western-supplied weapons, Russian President Vladimir Putin's troops are bombarding targets from afar, falling back on the tactics they used in reducing cities to rubble in Syria and Chechnya.

As U.S. President Joe Biden left for Europe on Wednesday to meet with key allies about possible new sanctions against Moscow and more military aid to Ukraine, he warned there is a "real threat" Russia could use chemical weapons.

Addressing Japan's parliament on Wednesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said thousands of his people have been killed, including at least 121 children.

"Our people cannot even adequately bury their murdered relatives, friends and neighbors. They have to be buried right in the yards of

destroyed buildings, next to the roads," he said.

Still, major Russian objectives remain unfulfilled. The capital, Kyiv, has been bombarded repeatedly but is not even encircled. Near-constant shelling

Zelenskyy accused Russian forces of seizing a humanitarian convoy.

Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said the Russians were holding captive 11 bus drivers and four rescue workers along with

said.

Despite plenty of evidence to the contrary, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov insisted the military operation is going "strictly in accordance" with plans.

The most recent figure for

With casualties mounting and quick victory no longer in sight, Russia is having to work to suppress dissent and shore up morale.

It has arrested thousands of antiwar protesters and cracked down on the media.

Also, under a law passed Wednesday, troops in Ukraine will get the same benefits as veterans of previous wars, including tax breaks, discounts on utilities and preferential access to medical treatment.

In an apparent reflection of growing divisions in Russia's top echelons, Anatoly Chubais has resigned, Peskov told the Interfax news agency.

Chubais, the architect of Russia's post-Soviet privatization campaign, had served in a variety of top posts over three decades. His latest role was as Putin's envoy to international organizations.

Peskov would not say if Chubais had left the country.

Western officials say Putin's forces are facing serious shortages of food, fuel and cold weather gear, with soldiers suffering frostbite, while Ukraine's defenders have been going more on the offensive.

Still, Russia's far stronger, bigger military has many Western experts warning against overconfidence in Ukraine's long-term odds. The Kremlin's practice in past wars has been to grind down resistance by flattening cities, killing countless civilians and sending millions fleeing.

Talks to end the fighting have continued by video. Zelenskyy said negotiations with Russia are going "step by step, but they are going forward."

With no peace, those not yet fighting prepared to do so.

"Everything's a bestseller these days," said Zakhar Sluzhalyi, owner of a gun shop in the western city of Lviv.

"We're defending our land," he said. "We're fighting for our freedom and that of the rest of Europe." □



A serviceman carries the photo of Capt. Andrei Paliy, a deputy commander of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, during a farewell ceremony in Sevastopol, Crimea, Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

Associated Press

and gunfire shook the city Wednesday, with plumes of black smoke rising from the western outskirts, where the two sides battled for control of multiple suburbs. Mayor Vitali Klitschko said at least 264 civilians have been killed in the capital since the war broke out.

In the south, the encircled port city of Mariupol has seen the worst devastation of the war, enduring weeks of bombardment and, now, street-by-street fighting. But Ukrainian forces have prevented its fall, thwarting an apparent bid by Moscow to fully secure a land bridge from Russia to Crimea, seized from Ukraine in 2014.

Zelenskyy said 100,000 civilians remain in a city that had 430,000 people before the war. Efforts to get desperately needed food and other supplies to those trapped have often failed.

their vehicles.

In their last update, over a week ago, Mariupol officials said at least 2,300 people had died, but the true toll is probably much higher. Airstrikes in the past week destroyed a theater and an art school where civilians were sheltering.

In the besieged northern city of Chernihiv, Russian forces bombed and destroyed a bridge that was used for aid deliveries and civilian evacuations, regional governor Viacheslav Chaus said.

Kateryna Mytkevich, who arrived in Poland after fleeing Chernihiv, wiped away tears as she spoke about what she had seen. The city is without gas, electricity or running water, said Mytkevich, 39, and entire neighborhoods have been destroyed.

"I don't understand why we have such a curse," she

Ukraine's military losses came from Zelenskyy on March 12, when he said that about 1,300 Ukrainian servicemen had been killed in action.

The NATO official said 30,000 to 40,000 Russian soldiers are estimated to have been killed or wounded. Russia has released very little information on its casualties, saying March 2 that nearly 500 soldiers had been killed and almost 1,600 wounded.

Ukraine also claims to have killed six Russian generals. Russia acknowledges just one dead general.

The figures from NATO represent the alliance's first public estimate of Russian casualties since the war began. The U.S. government has largely declined to provide estimates of Russian or Ukrainian casualties, saying available information is of questionable reliability.

Tokyo court rejects case over N. Korea repatriation program

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — A Tokyo court cited a statute of limitations on Wednesday in rejecting a suit filed by five people seeking North Korea's responsibility over abuses they said they suffered for decades when they were lured to the North by Pyongyang's false promise of living in the "paradise on Earth."

The five plaintiffs, including ethnic Koreans and Japanese who had moved to the North under the 1959-1984 repatriation program and have since fled from there, filed the lawsuit in 2018 seeking 100 million yen (\$900,000) each in compensation over what they said was illegal "solicitation and detainment."

In Wednesday's ruling, the Tokyo District Court focused on whether the court had jurisdiction over the case while staying away from clearly stating whether the repatriation program, which Japan's government also helped with, was illegal.

Instead, the court rejected the case noting the plaintiffs waited too long to take legal action. The plaintiffs went to North between 1960 and 1972, and the 20-year statute of limitations had passed by the time they filed the case, it said.

Judge Akihiro Igarashi also said that a Japanese court had no jurisdiction over



Plaintiffs and their supporters walk toward the Tokyo District Court in Tokyo, Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

their "detainment" in North Korea.

Kenji Fukuda, a lawyer representing the plaintiffs, said they decided to appeal because "the court didn't respond to the case head on."

"I feel like crying," said a plaintiff, Eiko Kawasaki, 79, an ethnic-Korean who was born and raised in Japan and went to the North in 1960. "There should be no statute of limitations for human rights violations."

Kawasaki also urged the court for a speedy trial because time was limited for the elderly plaintiffs.

"It has to be done quickly or we won't be alive for a

ruling. Not being able to see the verdict while we are alive means I die without being able to see my children and grandchildren" still in the North, she added.

Fukuda said the court did accept most evidence the plaintiffs submitted, including the deceptive campaign held in Japan for the repatriation and living conditions in the North — setting a precedent for a legal case in Japan against North Korea over human rights violations.

Fukuda urged the Japanese government to support the victims and negotiate with North Korea in the

future on seeking Pyongyang's responsibility. The court had also agreed to symbolically summon North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Hundreds of thousands of Koreans came to Japan, many forcibly, to work in mines and factories during Japan's colonization of the Korean Peninsula — a past that still strains relations between Japan and the Koreans.

Today, about half a million ethnic Koreans live in Japan and still face discrimination in school, work and daily lives.

In 1959, North Korea began a massive resettlement program to bring overseas Ko-

reans home to make up for workers killed in the Korean War. The program continued to seek recruits, many of them originally from South Korea, until 1984.

The Japanese government, viewing Koreans as outsiders, also welcomed the resettlement program and helped arrange for people to travel to North Korea. About 93,000 ethnic Korean residents of Japan and their family members responded and moved to North Korea.

The plaintiffs say they believe many of them have died, but their descendants still in North Korea should be rescued. About 150 of them have made it back to Japan, according to a group supporting defectors from the North.

North Korea had promised free health care, education, jobs and other benefits, but none was available and the returnees were mostly assigned manual work at mines, forests or farms, the plaintiffs said. Kawasaki, born and raised in Kyoto, was 17 when she took a ship to the North in 1960 and was confined there until defecting in 2003, leaving behind her grown children.

The plaintiffs are now concerned about their families still in North Korea. They say they had lost contact with them more than two years ago, apparently due to the pandemic. □



Residents watch the inauguration of President Daniel Ortega on a giant screen at a park in the Julio Buitrago neighborhood of Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 10, 2022.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Nicaragua's ambassador to the Organization of the American States denounced his

own government as a "dictatorship" on Wednesday in a dramatic break with the administration of Presi-

Nicaragua's OAS ambassador says own government dictatorship

dent Daniel Ortega. Arturo McFields said during an online meeting of the OAS that he was speaking on behalf of "more than 177 political prisoners and more than 350 people that have lost their lives in my country since 2018." He said he was frightened to speak against Ortega's government, but said he "had to talk even if my future and that of my family is now uncertain."

"To denounce the dictatorship of my country is not easy but to keep silent and to defend what is indefen-

sible is impossible," said McFields, who until now had defended Ortega's government when it was criticized by members of the OAS.

The statement was praised by the U.S. delegate at the meeting, Bradley Freuden, called McFields "a Nicaraguan patriot."

"I hope that the government in Nicaragua is listening and takes away the right message: that if they continue down the same path, they cannot help but lose the support of their

own people," Freuden said. OAS Secretary-General Luis Almagro, a frequent critic of Ortega, sent a tweet saying he valued McFields' courage, adding, "This is the ethically correct position."

McFields, the first Afro-Nicaraguan to represent his country before the OAS, is a former journalist who had worked at Nicaragua's embassy and its OAS mission — both in Washington — before presenting his credentials as ambassador on Nov. 5. □

Venezuelan same-sex couples still wait for right to marry

By REGINA GARCIA CANO

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Ana Margarita Rojas and Elena Hernáiz have shared their lives for more than three decades and raised a son together. Their neighbors in Venezuela's capital recognize them as a couple, never questioning them when they refer to each other as "mi esposa" — "my wife."

Their social acceptance, however, does not translate into legal recognition. Venezuela remains on a shrinking list of South American countries that do not allow same-sex marriages. This despite the fact that Venezuela's highest court has had seven years to rule on a key case and President Nicolás Maduro has asked lawmakers to consider the matter.

This inaction has left couples and activists wondering whether a country steeped in a political, social and economic crises will ever grant them the right to marry. Many see a government that ignores them and an opposition that prioritizes other issues. "We are in a country where being a citizen is already an uphill struggle, being recognized as a minority citizen is a higher uphill struggle," said the 59-year-old Rojas. "Here, there is great ignorance and great disrespect for citizens ... So, if I don't recognize you as an opponent, I don't recognize you as a professional, I don't recognize you as a citizen, I'm not going to recognize you as LGBT."

Venezuela's Supreme Court of Justice, one of many government bodies seen as loyal to Maduro, formally agreed in 2016 to weigh in on the matter after receiving a case a year earlier, but it has not issued a ruling.

A previous decision determined that the constitution does not prohibit or condemn same-sex relationships, but it does not extend them any protections because marriage is a union between a man and a woman. It also determined that it is up to lawmakers



Elena Hernáiz, left, and Ana Margarita Rojas, smile during an interview in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, Feb. 25, 2022.

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to create a protection for couples through a concept other than marriage.

Some couples have traveled abroad to marry despite knowing their union would not be recognized upon their return to Venezuela. Others, like Rojas and Hernáiz, have obtained legal documents that allow them to make emergency medical decisions for the other, gives them rights over each other's property, including bank accounts, and custody of children.

Venezuela's transition to socialism beginning in 1999 under Maduro's mentor, the late President Hugo Chávez, and the crisis that undid the country after his death has kept Venezuelan society — and its government — from debating the issue as has occurred in other Latin American countries.

"They have not allowed us to have the serious discussions of the 21st century," Tamara Adrian, an attorney and former opposition lawmaker, said referring to Chavez's disciples, called Chavistas. "For the last almost two and a half decades, they have trapped us in a dilemma between

capitalism and socialism. In the 21st century, it is totally, I would say, superfluous as a discussion.

In the 21st century, (the discussion) is development with inclusion, there is nothing else, and that means eliminating all the barriers that exist."

In Latin America, court decisions have legalized same-sex marriage nationally in Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Mexico, while legislation led to the same result in Argentina, Uruguay, and last year, Chile, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

Maduro in October 2020 asked the National Assembly to debate same-sex marriage legislation during its following term. He cited comments Pope Francis made in a documentary in which he backed civil unions for homosexual couples.

"I have friends and acquaintances who are very happy with what the Pope said yesterday," Maduro said at the time. "I will leave that task, the task of LGBT marriage, to the next National Assembly."

The assembly, under the rul-

ing party's control, has not debated the issue.

Venezuelan society, mostly Roman Catholic, is conservative on some issues and liberal in others. It rarely condemns homophobia. High-ranking government officials — even Chávez at one point — often mock and insinuate their political opponents are homosexuals to try to disqualify them despite claiming to support the LGBT community.

Adrian, who became Venezuela's first transgender lawmaker, said some of the opportunities to advance progressive causes ended when many young professionals left the country because of the crisis.

The Chavista movement has also sought the support of evangelicals, but it is not clear how far this has influenced the lack of action on the same-sex marriage debate.

Activists earlier this year hosted a protest outside the Supreme Court to demand justices take up the languishing case. But in a country where demonstrations can be shut down by authorities without notice, no more than 20 people participated, and only a

few chanted, their complaint that "procedural delay is patriarchal violence" barely audible from less than a block away.

The transgender man said the demand for the approval of same-sex marriage in Venezuela is not only about legalizing their unions on paper but also about protections against discrimination. Before filming a new video, he acknowledged that people in Venezuela have died of hunger and lack of medical supplies during the crisis but noted that "the hatred that exists in this country" has also been deadly.

Unlike Rojas, Hernáiz and Adrian, Key has no reference to a pre-socialist Venezuela. The acrimonious back and forth between the ruling party and opposition is all he knows as government. He is hopeful that one of the two sides will make same-sex marriage legal within the next 10 years.

"My activism is nonpartisan and my priority as an activist is LGBTQ rights," Key said. "I don't care who gives it to me, whether it's Maduro or (someone else), as long as they give it to me." □



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Restaurants

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Volunteering is well and alive at the Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino

Palm Beach — On Saturday, March 12, thirty-one team members of the Hilton Aruba rolled up their sleeves and joined ARUBA DOET 2022, the largest volunteer event on the island. This event was organized by CEDE Aruba, in cooperation with Oranje Fonds, a Dutch Kingdom, not-for-profit organization. Together they mobilized more than 3,000 volunteers, working on 190 projects.

The team from the Hilton Aruba was assigned with the painting of Xander Bogaerts Elementary School's yard in San Nicolas. The highly motivated team was glad for the opportunity to participate in this volunteer event and feel proud to represent a company that strives for giving back to the community. The Hilton donated the manpower, drawing highly motivated volunteer Team-

Members from the Human Resources, IT, Revenue, Commercial Services, Security, Accounting, Engineering, Front Desk and Executive Office departments. They painted the entire school yard, including picnic tables and flower beds, in a dazzling, cheerful, color combination, and true to the organization's promise, did good, and had a good time.

Hilton's Travel with Purpose program is the commitment and strategy behind driving responsible travel and tourism globally and is regarded as an integral part of the company's overall sustainability activities.

Volunteerism, deeply in-



grained in the Hilton Aruba resort culture, often results in its Team Member's donating their time and service to give back to the community.

ARUBA DOET, was part of a larger organization with NL DOET, ARUBA DOET, BON DOET, CURA DOET, STATIA

DOET and SMX DOET, unfolding at the same time, in the Netherlands and on the Dutch Islands, on the same day. The Dutch fund makes large investments in social causes on the islands and strengthens the ties between the islands and the kingdom. www.oranje-fonds.nl □

The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba and the Aruba Marriott introduce its program FUTRX to develop future hoteliers

Oranjestad – Leading resorts; The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba and the complex of Aruba Marriott present FUTRX, an educational and practical pilot program aimed to develop future hoteliers as they acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to pursue a career in the hotel industry.

Developed by Marriott International Associates, in collaboration with Educacion Profesional Intermedio (EPI) and the University of

Aruba, FUTRX will introduce local students (18 years or older) to the Hospitality industry by providing trainings, tools and on-site experiences guided by Hospitality professionals.

From March until September 2022, FUTRX students will have the opportunity to learn about hotel and casino operations, leadership, and the Marriott International brand. FUTRX students will be meeting twice a week for theoretical and

practical training. The program consists of 6 phases; each month students will be focusing on a specific area allowing them to develop a comprehensive understanding of various hotel departments.

Upon completion of the program, students will receive a certificate, obtain extensive industry knowledge, and have the opportunity to broaden their professional network. FUTRX strives to ensure that



this vibrant, creative industry, which is so integral to both the economy and the overall prosperity of Aruba, is recognized for the exciting opportunities it can offer for career progression.

The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba and the complex of Aruba Marriott look forward to successfully executing an immersive and innovative program, and for local students to grow and thrive in the hospitality industry. □

Honoring of loyal visitors at Divi Phoenix Resort



EAGLE BEACH - Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority representative Marouska Heyliger had the great pleasure in honoring many loyal Aruba visitors with their distinctive certificates. These certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination. The titles are as following: 10+ years "Distinguished Visitor", 20+ years "Goodwill Ambassador" and 36+ years "Emerald Ambassador".

The honorees are: Todd and Lori Klein from Wisconsin, USA who have been honored as Goodwill Ambassadors due to their 20th consecutive visit at Aruba making it their home away from home.

The honorees cited good weather, the beaches, sand and food as their top reasons for returning to our beautiful Island.

The symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between 10-20-35 and more consecutive years.

Heyliger together with the representatives of Divi Phoenix Resort presented the certificates to the honorees and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home for so many years. □



ORANJESTAD - From the moment that Covid-19 reached our island and we had to adapt our ways of living and implement all measures of prevention, to the point where Stellaris Casino at Aruba Marriott Resort had to stop all events in which an audience is involved we had more or less around 300 local clients

who kept supporting our Casino, even during these trying times.

During the weekend, we invited them all to celebrate and to give the casino an opportunity to thank them for their loyalty. Frequently, Stellaris Casino organizes a Tier Dinner Event every quarter for all their

Honoring of loyal visitors at Renaissance Ocean Suites



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The honorees are: Frederick and Carol Mitchell from Virginia, and Fred and Jan Wills from Arizona who have been honored as Goodwill Ambassadors at their home away from home.

The honorees cited amazing food, friendly people of the Island and great weather as their top reasons for returning to our beautiful Island.

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Stellaris Casino honors their loyal clients



to the clients.

About Stellaris Casino

Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino opened in 1995 and is the biggest casino on our Island. It counts with more than 160 employees that manage 24 table games and more than 400 slot machines. The most popular table games are Craps, Black Jack, Three Card Poker and Roulette. Stellaris Casino regularly organizes bingo. Starting last week, the casino is once again open 24 hours a day for slot machines while table games are held from 2pm to 4am. □

loyal clients. You have to be a member of the casino, after which you will be "rated" by how much you plan in the Casino. To maintain a Tier status, you must be an active client for 3 consecutive months. The client would then be placed in different categories, namely Platinum, Gold or Silver. From a very big list of clients, around 600 were selected that would qualify for a Tier.

invited to a buffet dinner with an open premium bar, including a dance party with Gio Fuertissimo from Curacao. The clients loved this event, as a token of appreciation to them for their unconditional support to the family of Stellaris Casino. Around 25,000 dollars were given away as prizes

After 2 years with no events, this weekend the first Dinner Tier Event for the first quarter of this year took place. Around 600 members were



'Where'd the money go?' How to handle a windfall

By **HAL M. BUNDRICK**
of **NerdWallet**

Tax refunds. Child tax credits. COVID-19 relief checks. We dream of the next unexpected bundle of money that lands in our lap. Perhaps it's a few hundred dollars earned from a garage sale, maybe even more from a job bonus — or hundreds of thousands from a winning lottery ticket or inheritance. Our minds race with the possibilities. A windfall can either be a lifeline to short-term financial relief or a stepping stone to long-term financial stability. But because of our inherent money personality, we may not make the best use of the surprise cash.

MONEY DECISIONS AMID A CRISIS

A 2021 study published in Journal of Family and Economic Issues found that emotions tied to money can dictate whether we decide to spend or save a windfall — even in a crisis environment. The research examined how recipients of COVID-19 relief checks used the money. People with existing financial resources who were previously inclined to save and invest did just that with the COVID-19 windfall, says Sarah D. Asebedo, lead author of the study. Asebedo holds a doctorate in financial planning and is an assistant professor at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.



This Wednesday, June 6, 2018, file photo shows U.S. currency in New York.

"When people with those characteristics enter crisis environments, they likely have built some resilience in their financial situations such as an emergency fund or having investments," Asebedo says. "So they might use their windfall on things like 'wants' or further saving and investing because that's what they're wired to do to some degree." Those who needed to make ends meet during the pandemic mostly used the money to pay off debt, Asebedo adds.

DEFINING YOUR MONEY PERSONALITY

How you handle a windfall, whether it's a federal stimulus check or an inheritance, is largely tied to the way

you handle money on a day-to-day basis.

Thomas Shortreed, a behavioral financial advisor in Cortland, Ohio, uses a questionnaire to determine a client's money personality. It provides insight into our relationship with financial matters. Questions include:

- How emotional about money are you?
- Do you prefer to save or spend?
- Are you reflective about your decisions?
- How trusting are you?
- How involved are you in financial decisions?

Based on how you answer the questions, your personality type is identified, Shortreed says. "I can look

at that personality type and have a general sense of how you probably think and process decisions about money."

Personality types include Money Master, Optimist, Perfectionist, Producer and Safety Player. You can find similar money personality tools online.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EARNED AND UNEARNED WINDFALLS

Your mind can also react in different ways to the type of windfall you receive. In many cases, earned windfalls, such as an employment bonus, trigger more long-term focus on how the money is spent, Shortreed says. There is often a little more attention

to spending it wisely. However, sudden unearned money — such as winning the lottery or getting an inheritance — may trigger a different reaction. Because it wasn't worked for, he says in many cases it's spent recklessly.

"Money is very emotional. It feels good in the short run to buy things you haven't had or always wanted."

An example: Shortreed advised some members of a group of lottery winners.

"The ones that I dealt with put money aside for their kids' college. The other ones were buying all kinds of fun stuff. My clients got their kids through college and had peace of mind."

HOW TO HANDLE EXTRA MONEY

Debt can be erased or reduced with a windfall. But many times, we later repeat the same spending mistakes, failing to break recurring debt habits.

When a windfall is received, Shortreed suggests:

- Pausing and reflecting on the good and bad money decisions of your past.
 - Focusing on intermediate to long-term goals, not short-term wants.
 - Considering your core values (family, security, autonomy, etc.).
 - Reviewing your money personality type.
 - Asking a partner to help hold you accountable.
- The key to making the most of a windfall: Take some time. □

Wall Street profits drive average bonuses to a record \$258K

NEW YORK (AP) — Soaring profits on Wall Street helped drive up the average bonus paid to employees in New York City's securities industry to a record \$257,500 for last year, the state comptroller reported Wednesday.

The average securities industry bonus was 20% higher than 2020 and came out of a bonus pool that grew to \$45 billion, according to annual estimates from state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

DiNapoli cited pretax profits through the first three quarters of 2021 for broker/dealer operations on the New York Stock Exchange, which increased by 19.6% to \$44.9 billion.

The securities industry accounts for one-fifth of private sector wages in New York City, despite comprising 5% of private sector employment. The industry also accounted for 18% of state tax collections and 7% of city tax collections in the governments' 2021 fis-

cal years, according to DiNapoli.

The comptroller said that recent events could drive down near-term profitability and bonus payments.

"Markets are turbulent as other sectors' recovery remains sluggish and uneven, and Russia wages an inexcusable war on Ukraine's freedom," DiNapoli said in a prepared statement. "In New York, we won't get back to our pre-Covid economic strength until more New Yorkers and



Pedestrians walk past the New York Stock Exchange, Jan. 24, 2022, in New York.

Associated Press

more sectors — retail, tourism, construction, the arts

and others — enjoy similar success." □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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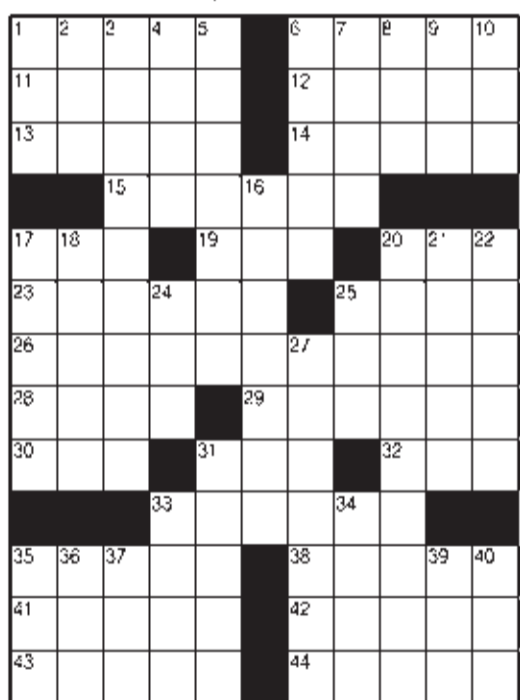
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Yesterday's answer



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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING DISORDERLY IS THAT ONE IS CONSTANTLY MAKING EXCITING DISCOVERIES. A.A. MILNE

Hot spring forecast: Drought deepens in West, flooding ebbs



A pier and dock sits above Lake Tahoe's receding shoreline Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 at Tahoe City, Calif.

Associated Press

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

There's no relief in sight for the West's record-shattering megadrought, which will likely only deepen this spring, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said in its seasonal outlook Thursday. But central and eastern states should be mostly spared from significant flooding. Spring is likely to be hotter than normal in most states and drier as well for much of the West, NOAA meteorologists said. They said the high heat and drought will fuel each other as the lack of rain makes it hotter, intensifying dry conditions. NOAA predicts all of the Lower 48 states to be warmer than normal in April, May and June except Washington, Oregon, Montana, North Dakota and much of Idaho. Only an area around the Great Lakes down to Kentucky is forecast to be wetter than normal. Worsening allergies are expected in the areas that will be hot and wet. "Drought has increased, especially in the West as it has warmed," said Deke Arndt, NOAA's climate science and services chief. "The

reason the West is warming is climate change, especially over the multiple decade timeframe." Already, 60% of the nation is in some form of drought, the largest drought coverage since 2013, said Jon Gottschalck, operational prediction chief at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center. He said the conditions are likely to get worse in many of those areas and could set the stage for more heat waves. La Nina, a natural periodic cooling of the central Pacific that affects climate worldwide, is a huge factor in the spring outlook, Gottschalck said. In California, especially the Central Valley, three-year rain and snow levels will soon reach the lowest on record since 1922, said Brett Whitin, a hydrologist at NOAA's California Nevada River Forecast Center. California has 1.5 million acre feet less water available than it did this time last year, and he said the only hope is for heavy December snow to make up for some of the shortfall. "It does make for some very difficult (crop) producer decisions as what to continue to grow and what

to keep alive," said Brad Rippey, a U.S. Department of Agriculture meteorologist, in a press briefing. The more than 20-year megadrought gripping the West is the worst in 1,200 years and is stoked by human-caused climate change from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas, studies have found. Worsening drought also sets the stage for more dangerous wildfires in summer, said Brad Pugh, a drought meteorologist with the NOAA's Climate Prediction Center. In the central part of the country, spring often brings flooding worries. But this year, the flooding risk is minor for much of the Mississippi River valley and Tennessee Valley. Major flooding and significant damage might affect about 500,000 people, which is far fewer than in most years. Above average precipitation and other factors increased flood risk near the Red River that divides North Dakota and Minnesota, NOAA said. □

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Monuments Men group bets on playing cards to find lost art

By **JAMIE STENGLE**

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — A group dedicated to finishing the work of World War II's Monuments Men is betting on a deck of playing cards — and reward money — to help find missing works of art taken by the Nazis. Inspired by the U.S. military's history of creating playing cards related to missions, the Dallas-based Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art on Wednesday announced the creation of the deck focusing on works — including paintings, sculptures and reliquaries — they believe still exist.

"What is needed is to raise awareness about what is missing," said Anna Bottinelli, the foundation's president. "Because you might know of a friend who has a beautiful painting on the wall and you don't even question that that painting belongs to someone else." The group, which is offering rewards of up to \$25,000 for information leading to the recovery of each cultural object featured in the deck, will highlight a few of the cards each week on their social media. Bottinelli said the foundation worked with museums, law enforcement and owners of lost art as they narrowed down which works



Anna Bottinelli, president of the Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art, displays playing cards at the organization's office in Dallas, Monday, March 21, 2022.

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to feature, which include those by Vincent van Gogh, Caravaggio and Claude Monet. One, a pastel by Edgar Degas titled "Portrait of Mlle. Gabrielle Diot" that was taken by the Nazis from a home in France in 1940, is known to have been sold in the mid-1970s to an unknown Swiss collector. "Many of these have resurfaced in the recent past — even as late as 2008 — in auctions," Bottinelli said. The deck, being sold through the foundation and the National World War II Museum in New Or-

leans, is a nod to a U.S. military tradition that includes a deck featuring the most-wanted fugitives from the Iraq War and one from WWII designed to help soldiers identify aircrafts, Bottinelli said. FBI Special Agent Christopher McKeogh, a New York-based member of the agency's Art Crime Team, said he thinks there's a misconception that because it's been nearly 80 years since the end of the war, that most of the missing art has been found. "There's still a lot of artwork to still be on the lookout

for," McKeogh said, noting that the Nazi's looting was "on a scale that is really hard to comprehend." McKeogh said that in some cases, people haven't realized an artwork's past until taking it to a gallery or an auction house. "In those cases, we'll take steps to seize it and hopefully repatriate the artwork," McKeogh said, adding that once such a history is uncovered, "owners are usually very willing" to have it returned. "We can never undo the atrocities of the war, but any little thing that we can

do to reunite one of these works with the heirs, it's an important thing," McKeogh said.

Robert Edsel, founder and chairman of the Monuments Men foundation, said that for those who do realize they own looted art, "this is a chance for people to do the right thing, to come forward, to address the problem."

Edsel started the foundation in 2007 to honor the Monuments Men, the group of men and women from Allied countries, many with art expertise, who served during WWII to protect cultural treasures as battles waged, and after the war helped return artwork plundered by the Nazis to the rightful owners.

He has written several books on the Monuments Men, including one that the movie "The Monuments Men" starring and directed by George Clooney was based on.

The foundation gets frequent calls from people wondering about objects from the war, and has over the years helped return more than 30, including a 16th century tapestry taken by a U.S. officer from Adolf Hitler's Eagle's Nest retreat near the end of the war. The officer's family gave the tapestry to a German museum in 2016. □



Singer Rick Astley poses for photos in New York on Aug. 9, 2016.

Associated Press

By **MARK KENNEDY**

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Most pop stars take some time before they hit the big time, putting out a few albums before one sticks. With Rick Astley, it took just his first song.

Rick Astley celebrates his 1987 debut album with reissue

"With me, it's like, song one — Boom! No.1 all over the world," he says via Zoom. "I was just trying to write something that you could sing along to in the chorus." That song was "Never Gonna Give You Up" — on his 1987 multi-platinum debut album "Whenever You Need Somebody" — that went from radio earworm to internet prank sensation. It's been 35 years since Astley's debut and BMG is marking the anniversary in May with a two-CD set and digital release that boasts the remastered original album plus B-sides, remixes and Astley's own reimag-

ined versions of the album's original singles. Astley was only 20 and 21 while recording "Whenever You Need Somebody" with the songwriting and record production trio known as Stock Aitken Waterman, who had crafted songs for Bananarama and Dead or Alive. "I was just happy to be in a professional recording studio, making noises with guys who were having hit records," says Astley, who came from a small town in the north of England. He knew nothing about the recording process. "I was inexperienced, I guess, and

naïve." "Never Gonna Give You Up" spent two weeks at No. 1 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 and "Together Forever" spent a week atop the same chart. The songs "It Would Take A Strong Strong Man" and "She Wants To Dance With Me" also made it into the top 10. Listening to it again, the album fits today's '80s-vibing, dance soundscape very well. He would make more albums, leave the business for many years and then reemerge with the strong albums "50" in 2016 and "Beautiful Life" in 2018, dogged by rick-rolling —

when a promised link on a website turns out instead to be an Astley video — but making his peace with it. Shortly after the anniversary release of his debut album, Astley will join New Kids on the Block, Salt-N-Pepa, and En Vogue for the 57-date "Mixtape 2022" U.S. arena tour. He credits "Whenever You Need Somebody" for all of it, for basically making his career.

"The overwhelming thing is just gratitude. If I'm honest, it's simply that. I've had a really nice, comfortable existence because I got to make a pop record in 1987." □

Top-ranked Barty retires at 25, goes out on her own terms

By DENNIS PASSA

AP Sports Writer

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)

— Ash Barty did things on her own terms as she won three Grand Slam singles titles and spent more than two consecutive years at No. 1 in the women's tennis rankings.

She retired on her own terms, too. At the age of 25, just two months after winning the Australian Open title.

The announcement stunned the tennis world on Wednesday.

"I just know at the moment, in my heart, for me as a person, this is right," Barty said, her voice shaky at times, during a six-minute video posted on her Instagram account Wednesday in Australia.

Saying it was time to "chase other dreams," Barty, who announced her engagement to trainee golf professional Garry Kissick in November, said she no longer feels compelled to do what she knows is required to be the best she can be at tennis.

"It's the first time I've actually said it out loud and, yeah, it's hard to say," Barty said during an informal interview with her former doubles partner, Casey Dellacqua. "I don't have the physical drive, the emotional want and everything it takes to challenge yourself at the very top level any more. I am spent."

This is not the first time Barty walked away from tennis: She was the Wimbledon junior champion at age 15 in 2011, presaging a promising professional career, but left the tour entirely for nearly two years in 2014 because of burnout, overwhelmed by the pressure and travel required.

She played professional cricket back home in Australia, then eventually picked up a racket once again and returned to her other sport.

Barty went on to win singles major championships on three different surfaces — on clay at the 2019 French Open, on grass at Wimbledon last year and on the hard courts of Melbourne

Park in January, becoming the first Australian player in 44 years to triumph at the nation's Grand Slam tournament.

She spent 121 weeks at No. 1 in the rankings, including the last 114 in a row.

Her announcement was all the more stunning from an

bourne.

One year later, she was ranked No. 88; by the end of 2017, Barty was an established member of the

ning five titles, including at Wimbledon, Barty ended her season abruptly after a loss to Shelby Rogers at the U.S. Open.

"Wimbledon last year changed a lot for me as a person and for me as an athlete," Barty said. "When you work so hard your whole life for one goal — to be able to win Wimbledon, which was my dream, the one true dream that I wanted in tennis, that really changed my perspective." She described what she termed a "gut feeling" after Wimbledon about maybe being ready to move on, but she also described herself then as not "quite fulfilled." Her victory at the Australian Open satisfied another gap, and Barty said she was completely aware that "my happiness wasn't dependent on the results."

Barty was one of the most popular players on tour, and many praised her in retirement on Wednesday. "Ash, what can I say, you know I have tears right?" tweeted Simona Halep. "My friend, I will miss you on tour. You were different, and special, and we shared some amazing moments . . . Be happy and enjoy your life to the max." Madison Keys posted: "An incredible tennis player but more importantly one of the nicest people on tour."

Alicia Molik, coach of Australia's Billie Jean King Cup team, said Barty's decision was "unusual, retiring at the top."

"It's pretty gutsy, it's pretty noble," Molik said. "What an athlete, what a trailblazer and what a role model."

Andy Murray tweeted: "Happy for (at) ashbarty, gutted for tennis, what a player." Barty's closing words, at least for now — she plans a media conference in Brisbane on Thursday — came at the end of the video. "I'll never, ever, ever stop loving tennis," she said. "It will always be a massive part of my life but now I think it's important I get to enjoy the next phase of my life as Ash Barty the person, not Ash Barty the athlete."



Ash Barty of Australia poses with the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup at a park, the morning after defeating Danielle Collins of the U.S. in the women's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne on Jan. 30, 2022.

Associated Press

But she hasn't played a tournament since being presented with her Australian Open trophy by seven-time Grand Slam singles champion Evonne Goolagong Cawley, her mentor and Indigenous and Australian tennis icon, after a straight-sets final victory over Danielle Collins.

"I am so supportive of Ash that she does what makes her happy," Goolagong Cawley told The Associated Press. "I can't wait to see what happens in the next chapter of Ash's life, and what helps her achieve her dreams."

Barty won 15 tour-level titles in singles and 12 in doubles since first turning pro in 2010.

on-court perspective given her recent run of success: Barty had won 25 of her last 26 matches and three of her past four events.

Only one other woman has walked away from the sport while atop the WTA rankings: Justine Henin was No. 1 when she retired in May 2008.

In a statement released by the WTA, CEO Steve Simon called Barty "the ultimate competitor."

During her 21-month sabbatical from tennis as a teen, Barty played cricket with the Brisbane Heat of the Women's Big Bash League. She returned to tennis in May 2016, playing a \$50,000 ITF event in East-

top 20. "I know I've done this before," Barty said with a laugh in the retirement video, "but in a very different feeling. I'm so grateful to everything that tennis has given me. It's given me all of my dreams, plus more, but I know that the time is right now for me to step away and chase other dreams and to, yeah, put the rackets down."

A semifinal loss to Petra Kvitová in Doha in February was the last match she played in 2020; Barty stayed home in Australia for the balance of the season when the global pandemic emerged.

After six months on the road in 2021 and after win-

AP source: Chiefs send Hill to Dolphins for draft picks

By **DAVE SKRETTA**

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —

The Kansas City Chiefs traded wide receiver Tyreek Hill to Miami for a package of draft picks Wednesday, and the Dolphins gave the three-time All-Pro a \$120 million, four-year contract extension that makes him the highest-paid player ever at his position, a person familiar with the moves told The Associated Press.

The Chiefs will get the Dolphins' first- and second-round picks and their fourth-rounder in this year's draft, and fourth- and sixth-round picks next year, the person told the AP on condition of anonymity because terms were not announced.

Hill's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said the extension



Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill makes a catch over Cleveland Browns cornerback Denzel Ward (21) during the second half of an NFL divisional round football game, Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, in Kansas City.

Associated Press

from Miami includes \$72.2 million guaranteed. The value of the deal surpasses the five-year contract that Davante Adams signed after he was traded from

Green Bay to Las Vegas last week, which averages \$28.5 million and includes \$67.5 million guaranteed. The Chiefs had been in discussions with Hill on a

contract extension in part because they were seeking relief from a tight salary cap situation. But talks had stalled over the past few days, and Hill's representatives requested permission to seek a trade, which came together quickly with multiple teams expressing interest in him.

The deal clears more than \$18 million in salary cap space for Kansas City.

Hill appeared to indicate that his time with the Chiefs was over more than a week ago when the six-time Pro Bowl pick tweeted: "we came a long way thank you chiefs kingdom I'm forever indebted."

It has been a wild NFL off-season when it comes to big names, even though the new league year is just

1 week old. The Seahawks traded Russell Wilson to the Broncos, Deshaun Watson ended up in Cleveland, the Falcons sent Matt Ryan to the Colts and Carson Wentz landed with the Commanders — and that's just quarterbacks. Adams landed with the Raiders while fellow wide receiver Amari Cooper went from Dallas to Cleveland, and top-tier pass rushers Khalil Mack (Chargers) and Yannick Ngakoue (Colts) also have landed with new teams.

Hill was a controversial pick by Kansas City in the fifth round of the 2015 draft because of off-the-field problems that led to his dismissal from Oklahoma State. But he's mostly steered clear of trouble since arriving with the Chiefs, giving Andy Reid an outlet for his offensive creativity and teaming with Patrick Mahomes to form one of the league's elite duos.

Hill helped the Chiefs win back-to-back AFC titles and their first Super Bowl in 50 years after the 2019 season. He also helped them get back to the conference championship game in January before losing to the Bengals, capping arguably the best year of his career: He had a club-record 111 catches for 1,239 yards and nine touchdowns.

The trade for Hill is the second major move by the Dolphins this week as new coach Mike McDaniel attempts to build around quarterback Tua Tagovailoa. The Dolphins also have agreed with Terron Armstead to an \$87.5 million, five-year deal, landing a three-time Pro Bowl left tackle to anchor the offensive line.

The Chiefs have been trying to get younger the past few years, and the possibility that the 28-year-old Hill's speed could soon decline no doubt gave them pause. They also signed former Steelers wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster, who is 25, to a club-friendly one-year deal last week and are expected to add at least one wide receiver in the draft. □

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